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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this book, with an accompanying audiocassette, is twofold: (1) to enhance teachers' and librarians' understanding and appreciation for the variety of cultures in the United States; and (2) to show how folklore and music can be used to help children learn about their own and other cultures. The first two chapters present an overview and activities. Chapters three through six focus on one of the four major ethnic groups in the United States: Asians, African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and Native Americans. Each chapter includes a specific folklore theme and provides information on the cultural group. A detailed activity is proposed to use with the song on the cassette that corresponds to the chapter's theme. A second, shorter, activity is also included for use when time is limited. The songs are intended to be teaching tools, not sing along or entertainment ones. Information on the instrumentation and musical tradition of the songs are included in each chapter. A select list of collective works of folklore is provided in Appendix A. Appendix B offers enlarged versions of the graphics contained in chapters one through seven. An index concludes the book. (AEF)

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